

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Beginning to know something now, -- to know we don't know everything and are not perfection. Rather proud of starting well, -- of resolutions made a quarter century since and religiously kept. 1:--Never to deal in trashy goods. 2:--To advertise truthfully. 3:--Never to lower quality in order to lower prices. 4:-- To buy and sell only for prompt cash. 5:-- To be true and just in all our dealings. Successful as we should be; grateful as we ought to be, the Palais Royal's 25th Birthday Offerings are in keeping with the occasion. To our army of regular patrons we add, -- with compliments of the Palais Royal and many thanks for your long-continued confidence and patronage.

Preserve list below, regular prices remain marked on all goods.

Suit Department. \$18 Cloth Suits,

"Birthday" price, \$14.79. \$5 Dress Skirts, "Birthday" price, \$3.89.

\$7.50 Cloth Jackets, "Birthday" price, \$5.98.

Underwear Dept. 25c Black Hosiery, "Birthday" price, 16c.

25c Vests and Pants. "Birthday" price, 14c.

39c Knit Skirts, "Birthday price, 26c.

75c Eiderdown Sacques, "Birthday" price, 59c. 75c Flannelette Gowns,

"Birthday" price, 59c. 75c Straight Front Corsets, "Birthday" price, 59c.

Neckwear, etc. New 25c Neckwear. "Birthday" price, 21c.

New 50c Neckwear. "Birthday" price, 44c. New 25c Veilings. "Birthday" price, 18c.

Fancy Goods. New 25c Jewelry. "Birthday" price, 17c.

New \$1 Jewelry, "Birthday" price, 76c. 75c Evening Fans.

"Birthday" price, 44c. \$1 Boxes Perfumery.

"Birthday" price, 49c. 50c Pocket Books, etc., "Birthday" price, 42c.

\$1 Pocket Books, etc., "Birthday" price, 86c.

Dress Goods, etc.

68c Taffeta Silks, "Birthday" price, 49c.

\$2 Melton Cloths. "Birthday" price, \$1.29.

89c l'Eclatant Silks. "Birthday" price, 69c.

69c Velvet Cord. "Birthday" price, 50c. \$1.25 Mirrored Velvets,

"Birthday" price, 79c. \$2.50 Paon Velvets.

"Birthday" price, \$1.50. Black Dress Goods.

"Birthday" price, 10%. 121/2c Percaline Linings.

"Birthday" price, 7c. 25c Galloon Laces,

"Birthday" price, 19c.

5c Torchon Laces. "Birthday" price, 3c.

Home Needs.

\$1.25 Silkoline Comforts. "Birthday" price, 89c.

\$4.50 California Blankets. "Birthday" price, \$3.39.

121/2c Huckaback Towels, "Birthday" price, 10c.

\$1 Table Linen. "Birthday" price, 79c. \$1.25 Lace Curtains,

"Birthday" price, 89c. \$3 Irish Point Curtains.

"Birthday" price, \$2.

50c Framed Pictures. "Birthday" price, 25c. \$7.98 China Dinner Sets.

"Birthday" price, \$5.49. \$2.39 China Toilet Sets. "Birthday" price, \$1.69.

\$2.39 Gas Lamps, complete, "Birthday" price, \$1.39.

Millinery, etc. \$1 Walking Hats. "Birthday" price, 75c.

\$3.50 Trimmed Hats, "Birthday" price, \$2. 38c Taffeta Ribbons,

"Birthday" price, 24c. \$6 Feather Boas, "Birthday" price, \$4.50.

Miscellaneous. \$1 Glace Kid Gloves. "Birthday" price, 59c.

15c Gold Photo Frames, "Birthday" price, 9c.

\$2.50 Singing Canaries. "Birthday" price, \$1.39.

New 121/2c Handkerchiefs. "Birthday" price, 9c.

\$1.48 "Gloria" Umbrellas. "Birthday" price, 88c.

Children's Goods.

\$3.50 Children's Coats, "Birthday" price, \$2.39.

\$2 Cloth School Dresses, "Birthday" price, \$1.39.

25c School Aprons. "Birthday" price, 20c.

\$5 Coats for Infants. "Birthday" price, \$3.79.

Book Dept.

\$1.50 Five-Vol. Sets. "Birthday" price, 69c.

25c Religious Books. "Birthday" price, 15c.

\$3.50 Webster's Dictionary, "Birthday" price, \$1.21.

25c Books of Fiction, "Birthday" price, 13c.

Hand-made Renaissance Lace Goods.

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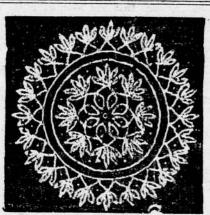
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(Worth \$1.98.)

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(Worth \$4.50.)

Samples-from the leading importers of the United States, reserved for this Birthday Anniversary -fo be distributed at half actual values. Choice of 22x24-inch Squares, and 20x54-inch Bureau and Buffet Scarfs. Just the present for some one who has everything. Such works of art will be welcomed in the mansion of the millionaire.



French Hand-embroidered Linen Goods.

93c

(Worth \$1.50.)

93c (Worth \$1.75.) 93c

(Worth \$1.98.)

93c

(Worth \$2.25.)

Samples-Some may need washing. Think of only 93c for choice of these exquisitely hand-embroidered and hemstitched Center-pieces, Tray Covers, Dressing Table Covers, etc. All white-just the kind dainty women love. The pit y is that only 250 pieces are here. Come early tomorrow and revel in these best of Birthday offerings. In Art Department.

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44c for your name engraved on copper plate and fifty cards printed therefrom. Best work-44c is a complimentary

Bring your plate with you tomorrow - it must be tomorrow—and we will print 50 carde at a complimentary 18c

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WASTE OF THE FORESTS

TIMBER-CUTTING IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS.

Special Report to Secretary Wilson on the Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

"Practical Forestry in the Southern Appalachians" forms the subject of a special report to Seecretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture by Overton W. Price, superintendent of working plans, division of forestry. In part Mr. Price says: The Southern Appalachians offer an excellent field for practical forestry. The

need of systematic and conservative forest management is beginning to be keenly felt, both for the timber tract and in the wood lot. The present desultory form of lumbering, which dates from the settlement of the region, has resulted in a serious reduction of the existing supply of The rapid increase now going on in the

values of timber and in the cost of firewood is premature in so densely forested a country and is the direct result of wasteful methods in the utilization of its resources. A continuance of these methods will necessarily result in a serious check to the general prosperity of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, where the inhabitants have already to contend with the remoteness and ruggedness of the region and with an exceedingly low percent-age of arable land. These methods will, moreover, not only render it costly to ob-tain wood for home consumption, but will entirely destroy what is still the most important source of revenue in the southern Appalachian-the lumbering of its valuable hardwoods to supply a steady and increasing demand in distant markets. The mountain region of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee comprises

an area of 15,000 square miles.

With the exception of the natural meadows which occupy the summits of some of the higher peaks, the mountains are covered with forest growth. Western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee con-tain over one hundred kinds of native trees. Of these, some, such as the black spruce and balsam, are either too rare or too difficult of access to be often of commercial importance. Others, such as the black gum, sourwood, dogwood, buckeye and aspen, are valueless for timber, and are used for firewood only when no better kinds are to be had. Others again, among which are the striped maple, the haw, and the silverbell tree, have as yet no merchantable value.

Among the commercial trees the more

important hardwoods are the yellow pop-lar, the oaks, hickories, chestnut, birch, cherry, basswood, black walnut and The merchantable softwoods, of there are comparatively few, chiefly shortleaf pine, white pine and hem-The oaks, among which the white oak

is most frequent, form the chief part of the forest growth up to an elevation of At an elevation of 2,500 to 3,500 feet the number of the oak decreases and yellow poplar, hemlock, birch, beech, ash, black walnut and cherry reach their best de-velopment and predominate especially in coves and hollows with a northerly aspect. Above 8,500 feet the forest falls off both in the number of different kinds of trees and in their size and quality. The chestnut, chestnut oak and red oak are the characteristic trees of this beit and occur almost pure on dry, steep slopes and ridges. Finally, at about 4,000 feet, derse woods of black spruce and balsam fir cover

which they are carried out. The one is the slipshod, desultory form, which has been carried on by the farmers of this region since its settlement in order to exe out the generally scanty profits from their farms. Although their output is small in-dividually, their combined efforts extending over many years have resulted in the culling of the best timber over a large portion of the most accessible forests. The other dates from the time when,

some fifteen years ago, with the failing supply of timber in Maine, Michigar and the north woods generally, began the exodus of many northern lumbernien to the hardwood forests of the Virginas, Georgia and Tennessee, and to the pineries and cypress swamps in the far south. With their arrival began lumbering on a large scale in the southern Appalachians, together with the investment of commensurate capital in logging outfits, the thorough repair and extension of logging roads, and the application of those skillful and businesslike methods which constitute clean lumbering. The active and systematic manner in which these men conducted a lumber job and the margin of profit which they wrung from it were a revelation to the natives, but have not yet resulted in any appreciable improvement in their

WHITE HOUSE TOO SMALL. A Severe Criticism of Defects in the Historic Mansion. From the Chicago Chronicle.

Roosevelt naturally refrains from recommending enlargement of the White House for his personal accommodation. He will place at school as many of his children as are schoolable. The remainder will make the best of their cramped lodgings. He is ef opinion, however, and rationally, that instead of altering the design of the White House and thus obliterating centuries of precious national associations, the structure should be preserved as it stands for executive offices and a new home be provided in another part of the city for the President's family. Several of Mr. Roosevelt's predecessors were of like opinion.

The White House has long been unfit for a dwelling. It is not the company to the c

a dwelling. It is not merely ancient. It is antiquated. Principles of domestic archi-tecture now predominant were unimagined when it was conceived. Not only are its dimensions absurd for the social functions obligatory upon the head of the nation; its appointments are such as to render ceremo-nious social intercourse there almost ridic-ulous. For business purposes it is as inadequate and almost as unadapted as for domestic convenience. The whole house would not be enough for the comfortable, complete dispatch of executive business. To that use, however, it ought to be devoted, with, in time, unavoidable extension.

The country is not ready to transfer the capital. It cannot be placed on wheels and moved after the center of population. On the Potomac it is destined to remain for how long a period no one can predict. Meanwhile the President and his family Meanwhile the President and his family must be housed decently. This can be done by selecting a new site for an executive home, and it ought to be chosen in the modern part of the city of Washington where sanitary science has improved the unfavorable natural conditions. President Roosevelt realizes, with his predecessors, that the home of the executive ought to be detached from his business office. Politicians should not be continually running over the children of the household.

Congress cannot with propriety longer Congress cannot with propriety longer defer action upon a subject of so great importance to the head of the government, and, therefore, to the nation.

Socialism in Ireland. From the London Chronicle, September 23.

Within the past few years socialistic or-

INTERESTING TESTS TO BE MADE IN GERMANY.

Experiments Will Have an Important Meaning for All Civilized Countries, Especially the United States.

The State Department has received a long and most interesting report from Consul General Frank Mason at Berlin upon the high speed tests of electric cars which are to take place on the military line between Berlin and Zossen this fall.

"As the time approaches," says Mr. Mason, "both popular and scientific attention become more closely centered upon these experiments; the result of which will have such an important meaning, not only for Germany, but for all civilized countries, and among these probably first of all the United States. If an electric-motor car, taking its current from overhead wires and running upon an ordinary standard-gauge railway track, can carry with safety 1. ty or sixty passengers at a speed of from 80 to 150 miles an hour, then it is evident that the first ten years of the twentieth century will see the means of travel between populous cities and district, in America as in

Europe, practically revolutionized.

Delicate Questions Involved. "The success of the electric car in rounding curves of small radius, climbing and descending easily grades which entailed all but hopeless difficulties to horse cars, and in general adopting itself to all the exigencies and requirements of intramural and suburban traffic has led the nontechnical public, here as in America, to expect an easy and prompt solution of the high-speed problem. From the popular standpoint, all that seemed necessary was a straight, clear track, an adequate current of high potential turned into a car motor of suffi-cient power, and the result would be achieved. Only the experts have realized that a speed of even eighty miles an hour with a single car involves questions of air resistance, weight and form and balance of vehicle, electrical transmission at high voltage and conversion to lower potential at some point between generator and mo-tor, and a dozen other equally important points which are new and untried in actual practice, and which have to be approached with caution and experienced knowledge in order to avoid danger of accidents that would discredit the whole enterprise at its outset. As the association which is under taking at its own expense this most impor-tant demonstration includes a number of the foremost electricans in Germany, every step in the process of preparation for the coming tests is watched with intense interest by the engineers of other countries, and passenger railway construction may be said to have paused to wait the result of these experiments.

Scene of the Tests. The scene of all the experiments is a stretch 14.29 miles in length, from Marienfelde to Zossen, on the military railway line which runs southward from Berlin to the place last named. The line is of standard gauge, single tracked, level and nearly straight, there being but one slight curve—1,100 yards radius—near the southern extremity. The rails are of steel, weigh about sixty-five pounds to the yard, and are laid on wooden ties. During the past summer the track has been carefully surfaced, defective joints remedied and ties and ballasting put into perfect condition.

HIGH SPEED ELECTRIC CARS trolley can make full contact from be

"These will carry a three-phase alternating current of 10,000 to 12,000 volts, to be generated at the works of an electrical company at Oberschonweide, on the River Spree, about five miles northeast from Marienfelde, between which two points a special overhead line for transmission has been provided. One of the conditions of the problem is that this high voltage, so essential for effective transmission, shall be reduced to a safe and practicable pressure by transformers carried in the motor car itself. The measure of speed to be at-tempted is 124 to 136 miles, approximately per hour, and the electrical apparatus must be sufficiently strong and heavy so that a run of 155 miles can be made at extreme speed without danger of overheating. Cars to Be Used.

"For this purpose two third-class pas-

senger cars of the standard type used on the Prussian state railways have been dustry of South Dakota. Idaho, Nebraska built by Messrs. Van der Zuypen and and Nevada are equipped with just as Charlier at Cologne, and turned over to rapid-fire divorce laws as the more widely Messrs. Siemens & Halske and the General advertised state. In fact, they beat South Electrical Company of Berlin, respectively, Electrical Company of Berlin, respectively, while the last named state does not percal equipments of one car according to their own ideas. There will be therefore two competitive machines, each representing the highest scientific skill of two leading electrical manufacturers of Germany.
"The cars are 72.18 feet in length and weigh 90.5 metric tons, of which forty-eight tons comprise the body and running gear (viz., two six-wheeled spindle trucks of the American type) and 42.5 tons are made up by the motors, transformers and other details for the electrical equipment. Each car is designed to accommodate lifty passengers, who with the driver and conductor will add about four tons to the aggregate weight of the carriage. The motors are four in number, with an aggregate energy of 1,000 horsepower, and are attached to the frost and correspondent. are attached to the front and rear axles of each truck, the middle pair of wheels in each group of three running free. In the car equipped by Messrs. Siemens & Halske the motors weigh 8,984 pounds, the trans-formers—which weigh twelve tons—are formers—which weigh twelve tons—are hung centrally beneath the floor, and a storage battery of 631 pounds weight supplies current for lighting purposes. The ends of the car are pointed to minimize wind resistence, and it runs, of course, in either direction. The wheels are forty-nine inches in diameter, and are rigged with pneumatic brakes of the Westingwith pneumatic brakes of the Westing-house type. It is expected that the cur-rent will be reduced by the transformers carried under the floor of the car from the initial voltage of 10,000 or 11,000 to a potential ranging from 1,150 to 1,800 volts, which it it assumed will be sufficient to attain the proposed speed without danger to machinery or operatives."

the lives of no less than sixty men. It is noteworthy that both the Viper and the Cobra sturck on rocks which were not known to be in their vicinity; and it seems possible that the great speed of these vessels throws out of gear all calculations that are based upon experience in the ordinary destroyer. Even so, however, the scratch crew of the Cobra gave her less than her proper chance. It is possible that these initial disasters may raise a prejudice against the turbine similar to that created by the first railway accidents in the early days of the steam engine. A

A DIVORCE CHART. States of the Union Where the Law is

Lenient. From the Salt Lake Herald. An enterprising publishing firm has put on the market a rather unique document. It is nothing less than a divorce chart of the United States, from which unhappy couples can quickly learn in what state they can get separated with the greatest

celerity and ease. "By a mere glance," it explains, "the particular information sought may be obtained. The form and manner in which the laws are placed before the reader are as simple of comprehension for the layman as they are for the lawyer."

The chart, it is to be feared, will do much to put a damper on the divorce inmit the remarriage of a guilty defendant. the other three lay no restrictions on either party. They also require less notice of an action than South Dakota, construe causes just as liberally and demand no longer residence. But easy divorces can be had in the east

just as well as in the west. Staid old Con-necticut, Maine and Delaware bother themselves not about length of residence, so ong as the cause originates on their soil. They also provide a liberal number of causes for couples desiring separation to choose from. South Carolina is the most inhospitable state of all to the would-be divorcee. The laws there are strict, to the verge of blueless. But in the majority of states this interesting chart shows that to a couple so minded divorce can be very easily obtained, and in some the untying of the knot is not much more difficult than the

tying. The Overcrowded White House. From the Boston Herald. President Roosevelt coming to the White

House with a larger family than any President of recent times had causes the project of an enlargement of that building to have renewed consideration. This must be seriously undertaken, or a new official residence, or new executive office, be supplied soon. So much of the present structure is required for business purposes that the living rooms are restricted to a number that would not satisfy a private citizen who desired comfort and exercised hospitality. Turbine Destroyers.

From the London Chronicle September 20.

The turbine has not proved up to the present a lucky invention. First came the wreck of the Viper during the recent naval maneuvers, which fortunately was not attended with any loss of life; and now the sister ship, the Cobra, has come to a still more disastrous end, involving in her ruin the lives of no less than sixty men. It is noteworthy that both the Viper and the president's family are all at heme, it is said that he will not have a spare room for a guest. This is rather anation, and it ought not to continue. Many plans of enlargement have been devised, and numberless schemes of removing the Tresident's residence have been suggested. The conflicting interests of land speculators operate to make a removal seem almost impracticable. Yet the present condition of things demands some remedy, and Congress ought to provide one.

Graeco-Roumanian Alliance. lenna Correspondence London Chronicle A military convention is rumored to have been concluded between Greece and Roumania, under the auspices of Count Goluchowski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, who is given the credit of having brought it about. As Bulgaria and Servia characteristic trees of this berk and only, steep slopes and distants pure on dry, steep slopes and plains price of the slope steep slopes and plains in covering the ground to the exclusion of all other trees and reach to the mountain, tops, cept on the "bailds," the local term for those mountains, the crests of which are occupied by natural meadows.

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Enforcing Law Against Clairvoyancy and Palmistry in England. From the London Chronicle, September 24.

Before a crowded court at Blackpool yesterday Retta Aubrey appeared to answer a charge of having practiced palmistry. Evidence was given by the wives of Detectives Drabble and Hill, who, having removed their wedding rings, visited the defendant on August 28. Defendant told the former, who had been married thirteen years and had had four children, that she would be married in five years and would have two children. Mrs. Hill was told that she was born to command. She must not refuse an offer of marriage which would come in three months. three months. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Hill had been married five and a half

years.

Both witnesses visited Madame Aubrey on August 30 for clairvoyance. Mrs Drabble was then told her future husband would ble was then told her future husband would be of dark complexion, "a rent collector, with a ginger mustache, who blushed a lot." Mrs. Hill was asked for some article of jewelry, but as she had none Madame cut a lock of her hair and held it between her hands as if in prayer. She then told witness she would marry a clergymen before next March.

For the defense Mr. Innes, barrister, wanted to know how it was that lefendant had been singled out from the rest. Numbers of advertisements relative to balmistry were to be seen all over the promenade; the advertisements were even on the corporation tramways. Defendant had carried on her business for years under the very noses of the police without interference. In

he claimed Madame Aubrey had not done. Defendant was fined 65 and costs in each case. Notice of appeal was given.

Women Pastors. From the New York Tribune.

There are now about thirty women pastors of Unitarian churches in the United States. The last addition to their ranks is Miss Estella R. Padgham of Syracuse, who has just been ordained in that city, the ordination sermon being preached by a woman, the Rev. Marie H. Jenney of Des Moines, Iowa, who two years ago was ordained in the same church. The sermon was the first one of the kind preached by a woman. Miss Padgham is a Smith College graduate, and pursued her theological course at the theological seminary in Meadville, Pa. During the summer she officiated for Miss Jenney in Des Moines, at while engaged in ministerial work there received a call to Perry, Pa.

A Buddhist Proclamation From the Shanghai Mercury, Sept. 5.

The Saigon Opinion says that the Buddhists of Burmah are publishing a prociamation in these terms: "Buddhists, take